

REMARKS

Following entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 44-57 and 63-67 constitute the pending claims in the present application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Issues raised by the Examiner will be addressed below in the order they appear in the prior Office Action.

1. Election/Restrictions

Applicants acknowledge that claims 39-43 and 58-62 have been withdrawn from consideration. Applicants hereby cancel claims 39-43 and 58-62 and reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claims 39-43 and 58-62 in a subsequent divisional and/or continuation application.

2. Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Claims 68-70 and 72-77 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *N. Eng. J. Med.* **2000**, 343, 230-238 to Shapiro et al. (“Shapiro”) in view of US 6,683,057 to Ian Kirk (“Kirk”). Claim 71 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shapiro in view of Kirk in further view of *Diabetes*, **2000**, 49, 1-6 to Soria et al. (“Soria”). Without conceding the propriety of the present obviousness rejections over claims 68-77, Applicants hereby cancel claims 68-77 and reserve the right to pursue these claims a subsequent divisional and/or continuation application.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has found claims 44-57 and 63-77 allowable. The present claim set is amended to recite the allowable claims. As such Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same

and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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